## **UGREEN Board Meeting**

July 20, 2010 Yashoda Khandkar

## **Funding Update**

- SEP Formula Grant
  - Not possible
- State Budget Increment



- Moving forward with request through GOED
- Federal Appropriations
  - Congressman Matheson
  - Congressman Bishop
  - Senator Hatch
- Corporate Sponsorship
  - Indentifying Targets







Loaned Executive/Internship

# Overview of Other State Infrastructure Authority Models

Name	Year	Funding	Success
		Token support from Colorado Clean	
		Energy Fund, Staffed out of Governor's	
Colorado Clean Energy Development Authority (CEDA)	2007	Energy Advisor's Office	
		Received \$50 start up funds from Idaho	
		Consumer-Owned Utilities Association	
Idaho Energy Resources Authority	2005	in 2006, Currently unfunded/unstaffed	<b>*</b>
		\$170K annual <b>Legislative</b> appropriation	_
		and \$1m contingency fund for project	
Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA)	2005	support	•
		\$1.5M start up funding from	
		Legislature, Ongoing support from	
New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA)	2007	project application fee structure	
		Operates under the North Dakota	
North Dakota Transmission Authority	2005	Industrial Commission's budget	
		\$247K in start up funding in 2006/2007;	
South Dakota Energy Infrastructure Authority	2005	\$56K in 2008, Status unknown today	-
Utah Generated Renewable Energy Electricity Network (UGREEN)	2009	\$150K in ARRA funds	?
		\$1.6M annual <b>Legislative</b> appropriation;	1
Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (WIA)	2004	\$10m available for project support	

Direct correlation between State support and level of success

### 2 Avenues for Legislative Funding

- 1. State Budget Increment
  - "Ask" through GOED
- Amendment to modify UGREEN legislation to include alternatives and ask for monetary appropriation in the amendment
  - Process requires immediate attention
    - Board members with expertise
  - Draft legislation
  - Find sponsors

# Governor's 10-Year Strategic Energy Plan

- UGREEN asked to help staff "Infrastructure, Transmission, & Transportation" Subcommittee
- Rich Walje is Chair of the Committee
- Doug Bennion is official Staff Selection
- UGREEN should also have board participant as subcommittee member
  - Volunteer?

# State Infrastructure Authority Meeting

- Date selected: September 15, 2010
  - Coincides with WECC/WIEB meetings
- UGREEN will host meeting, Environmental Planning Group (planning/permitting/architecture firm based in AZ) will sponsor meeting
  - Confirmed attendees: Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Wyoming
  - Invited attendees: Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota
- Agenda creation in progress

#### Themes:

- Best practices for State Infrastructure Authorities
- How to succeed
- Federal tax-exemption for revenue bonds issued
  - Strategy
  - Sponsors
  - Timeline
- Open for suggestions

## **Board Meeting Frequency**

- Monthly meetings for the rest of the summer
  - August
    - Vote on policies/procedures
    - Guest speaker: Jim Gazewood, BLM
  - September
    - Update on Gov Energy Initiative
      - Guest speaker: Ted Wilson/Rich Walje/Doug Bennion
    - Recap of State Infrastructure Authority Meeting
- Subsequent meetings on quarterly basis
  - December 2010, March 2011, June 2011, September 2011
  - Monthly updates via email
  - Need-based interim meetings (i.e. votable items, projects, major updates, etc)

## Projects/Companies

- 1. Italian Geothermal
  - 28 MW in Beaver County
- 2. Spanish Utility
  - 50 MW Solar in NE Utah







- 3. French Renewable Energy Developer
  - 50 MW Wind in SW Utah
  - 75 MW Solar in SW Utah
- 4. Large Regulated US Utility
  - 100 MW Wind in Central/Eastern Utah
- 5. International Renewable Energy Developer
  - 100 MW Solar in SW Utah

### Contract Compliance and Performance Evaluation

Phase I: April 1, 2010 – September 31, 2010 (Months 1-6)

#### ON TRACK FOR ON-TIME or EARLY COMPLETION

- Develop and begin execution of a business plan that includes measurable metrics for near-term and long-term goals, policies and procedures, and identification of necessary resources such as budget and staffin. Identify and understand existing efforts, procedures, and processes related to transmission activities at the federal, state, and local levels: for example, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) interconnection processes, including service and transmission provider requirements; Utah Renewable Energy Zones (UREZ) Task Force activities; existing regulations for utility companies; transmission authorities of other states; and existing roadblocks for associated stake holders, etc.
- Work with the UGREEN Board to develop policies and procedures specific to the UGREEN Authority.
- Successful entity establishment in preparation for operational administration and long term sustainability.
- Understand and develop a matrix for available incentives for transmission and renewable energy development projects.

#### RE-EVALUATION OF PHASE I REQUIREMENTS?

- Successful submissions of up to three applications for other funding sources.
- Identify other resources for operational expenses.

#### ACCELERATION OF PHASE II OBJECTIVES

- Develop an application and review policy for potential transmission projects.
- Establishment of a long term sustainability plan for the UGREEN Authority.
- Coordinate with businesses and local governments to develop public/ private partnerships for renewable energy transmission projects.

### Policies/Procedures Review

- 1. Personnel Policy
- 2. Unlawful Harassment Policy
- 3. Employment Discrimination Protection Policy
- 4. Equal Opportunity Policy
- 5. Operating Policy
- 6. Procurement Policy
- 7. Board Meeting Procedures
- 8. Project Selection Policy/Application
- 9. Business Plan